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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO APRIL 15, 1999 OFFICE ACTION AND
PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to an Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified patent application on April 15, 1999 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. A response to the April 15, 1999 Office Action was originally due May 15, 1999. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time from May 15, 1999 to August 15, 1999. The fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$435.00) and a check including this amount is enclosed herewith. Applicants have previously established small entity status. Thus, a response to the April 15, 1999 Office Action is now due on August 15, 1999. Moreover, since August 15, 1999 falls on a Sunday, a response filed on Monday, August 16, 1999 is to be considered timely. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the specification: